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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Andrew C. Flanders.

(3) Michael N. Spink.

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Date of Interview: 14 March 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 7 and 15.

Identification of prior art discussed: Janik (U.S. 2002/0164973), Dwyer (U.S. 6,671,567).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the differences in the interpretation of the term personal computer bus. Applicant stated that he believed a shared pathway was required for the interconnections (i.e. the printed circuit board) in Janik to be considered a pc bus. Examiner disagreed, and maintained the position that a set of hardware lines (conductors) used for data transfer among the components of a computer system as defined by the Microsoft Computer Dictionary still applied in the Janik reference. The Examiner also submitted that while Janik is somewhat silent as to the type of interconnections: 1.) a shared bus could possibly be inferred as there are many typical PC components interconnected; 2.) Even if a point to point connection is assumed, these devices must communicate to each other through the Microprocessor and thus must be on a shared connection; and 3.) even if Janik does not disclose the type of bus as Applicant suggest (which the Examiner does not necessarily agree with) it would not provide a patentable distinction over Janik. Next claim 15 was discussed. Applicant did not believe that the single cable connection used in the rejection could be considered a network. Examiner disagreed and maintained the same position that a network can be defined as a group of computers connected together. Applicant then suggested amending the claims to make the portable device be connected to a LAN, with its own unique address and could serve (transfer files to) more than one PC on the network which appears to overcome the applied prior art but further search and or consideration will be required to verify this. We then discussed claim 7. Applicant suggested amending the claim to more clearly show what was intended as shown in Fig. 3. The limitations suggested involve claiming that the terminal is completely covered when the speaker is attached and not accessible until the speaker is removed, thereby exposing the terminal. No indication of allowable subject matter was given. Further search and/or consideration will be needed to determine allowability. .



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